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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 7, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 8, 2018, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

HONORING CARL EGGLESTON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker: "This is Carl Eggleston. There's always hope." So ends every voice-filled greeting on Carl's phone in the 36 years I have known him. No better few words describe the resilient, optimistic, and indefatigable man I love.

I first met Carl Eggleston briefly during the congressional campaign of Ira Lechner in 1982. Carl was friends and political allies with the brain trust of

the campaign: Darrel Martin and Linda Moore. A few years later, we worked very different parts of Virginia in Jerry Baliles' winning race for Governor. But my life changed completely when I visited Carl at his home in Farmville in the summer of 1988, at the beginning of my first-ever candidacy for office.

Carl agreed to join my small team, and from that day forward, he was my constant companion. We traveled everywhere across the Commonwealth together. He introduced me to the most important players in Democratic politics and virtually every important African-American leader in the State. I discovered that Carl was universally respected and liked and that his endorsement helped immensely. In the coming years, we worked many campaigns together—some winning, some losing—always as trusted friends and allies.

But the real Carl Eggleston story is so much more interesting than his long history in Democratic Party leadership. He was born in poverty to two loving parents in the Jim Crow South. The closing of the Prince Edward County schools, when Carl was 9 years old, is the tragic stuff of massive resistance legend.

He stayed home for 3 years, schooled only by his mother, then spent a fourth year in a neighboring county trying to catch up. After high school, Carl apprenticed in a funeral home and caught the entrepreneurial bug. Bravely, in a business where families loyally cling to the funeral director who has buried their elders, Carl created his own funeral home: one client in year one, two or three the following year. He persisted against the greatest odds and competition, and Eggleston Funeral Homes are now 30 years old and thriving.

The child of a racially and bitterly divided South, Carl ran for Farmville city council and was the first elected

Black man since reconstruction perhaps ever. After one term, he ran for mayor and lost handily. I still marvel at the courage and the hope he must have had to stand for office in Prince Edward County, alone among all the counties in the United States to close its public schools rather than integrate them. One can only imagine the hostility Carl faced in the local population as he dared to lead them. Twice more, over the decades, Carl ran for mayor, getting closer each time, and earning the support and respect of much of Farmville's White community.

So with respect for his many achievements, including the long years chairing the Prince Edward Democratic Committee, the Fifth Congressional District Democratic Committee, my greatest appreciation for Carl Eggleston is founded on his strong and generous character. He is the friend I treasure most.

I have never heard him utter an unkind word about another person. He is unfailingly loyal, trustworthy, and patient. He works every moment. He is the quiet civil rights leader and political force who has been responsible for so much of the forward progress in Virginia over the last generation.

On the occasion now of the publishing of his autobiography, I am proud to call Carl Eggleston my friend, and I know that you will enjoy and appreciate his story. Carl's life is proof that there is always hope.

LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. FASO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, as May marks Lyme Disease Awareness Month, I rise today to recognize the countless individuals currently living with Lyme and to honor the medical experts and advocates combating this epidemic throughout the Nation.

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In upstate New York, where I reside, we are aware of the real and continuing threat that Lyme and related tick-borne diseases pose. With an estimated 300,000 new cases each year, the Lyme crisis is spreading. It is found in about half of all U.S. counties and in nearly 80 countries worldwide. Transmitted by tick bites, Lyme disease has no known cure, is difficult to diagnose, and can attack the nervous system, even sometimes leading to death if left untreated.

There is no silver bullet to combat this devastating disease, but better public education and more Federal research can lead to significant advancements. The medical and public health communities urge you to check yourself and your loved ones, especially children, each day for ticks and to seek out the best information on best practices for preventing tick bites and Lyme disease.

I look forward to continuing to work with members of the upstate New York community, Lyme disease advocates throughout America, and my colleagues here in Congress on both sides of the aisle to increase awareness and to find a cure, finally, for this devastating disease.

CONGRATULATING THE CATHOLIC JROTC PROGRAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the Marine Corps Junior ROTC program at Little Rock Catholic High School for raising \$20,500 toward the construction of a Gold Star families monument on the State capital grounds in Little Rock.

The Catholic High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC unit is celebrating its golden anniversary this year. The cadets were diligent in their fundraising: accepting donations at football games, selling food items, engaging the alumni association, and going door to door.

I would also like to recognize Sergeant Major R.S. Jernigan and Colonel Charles Johnson, who have stewarded these young men in their dedication to service in their community, State, and country. As a proud alumnus of Catholic High School in Little Rock and a former company commander of this outstanding JROTC unit, I am proud of the hard work of these young men and how they have exhibited leadership in the pursuit of their goal. They exemplify what we mean when we say: Hard work pays off.

Congratulations on this outstanding salute to our beloved Gold Star families and their future monument, and congratulations for 50 years of leadership and character development at Catholic High. Semper fi.

RECOGNIZING THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY ALLIANCE

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Children's Advocacy

Alliance in Conway, Arkansas, and the local first responders for their dedication to serving and protecting the children of central Arkansas. Children's Advocacy Alliance was founded in 2000 as court-appointed special advocates for the 20th Judicial District of Arkansas. Currently it serves Faulkner, Conway, and Van Buren Counties in my district.

Earlier this month, local law enforcement and other first responders came out to support the annual Heroes for Hope race held by Children's Advocacy Alliance in Conway. In its seventh year, the race incorporates a central theme of being a superhero for each child in need. Every child needs a hero, but the abused child needs a superhero.

This year, 160 participants ran in support of the race. Thank you to all the dedicated workers at the Children's Advocacy Alliance and to the dedicated law enforcement people for being those superheroes for kids in need.

WELCOMING HEAD COACH DARRELL WALKER TO UA LITTLE ROCK

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's new men's basketball coach, Darrell Walker. A former Razorback, Mr. Walker was drafted by the New York Knicks in 1983 and played professional basketball for 10 years before assuming an assistant coaching role for the Toronto Raptors. Over the past two decades, Mr. Walker has demonstrated a high level of competency and competitiveness at coaching, having been a part of four different NBA coaching staffs and serving as the head coach for the Toronto Raptors from 1996 to 1998.

More recently, he was head coach for two seasons at Clark Atlanta University, amassing a 45-18 overall record. His passion for excellence, leadership, and hard work are evidenced by the accolades and career accomplishments. I look forward to following his success at home at UA Little Rock during his time as head coach of such a dynamic basketball community. This will be a great partnership.

Welcome home, Coach Walker.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

As the Members return to Washington, may they be encouraged and empowered by their constituents to be their best selves in serving in the people's House.

May the disagreements that seem to perdure give way to good faith efforts to find solutions to the issues facing our Nation in a manner consistent with the great traditions of our republican form of government.

May all that is done within the people's House this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BANKS of Indiana led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

DIANN SHADDOX FOUNDATION FOR ESSENTIAL TREMORS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last month, I had the opportunity to meet with Diann Shaddox of North Augusta, South Carolina, founder of the Diann Shaddox Foundation for Essential Tremors.

Essential tremor is a neurological condition that causes the trembling of the hands, head, voice, legs, or body and affects nearly 10 million people in the United States. Despite its prevalence, it wasn't until 2013 that essential tremor was given its own specific diagnosis apart from other tremors.

Diann Shaddox was diagnosed with essential tremors in her early twenties. Since then, Diann has acted as an advocate for awareness and, for over 35 years, has dedicated her life to finding a cure for essential tremors.

The mission of the Diann Shaddox Foundation for Essential Tremors is to educate and increase awareness about people afflicted with essential tremor, which is the largest movement disorder in the world. The foundation also collects donations for medical research in the hope of discovering the cause and a cure, and I wish them continued success on their important mission.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.